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## MURDERER OF WOMAN LYNCHED AT FORSYTH

HENRY HOEFNER HANGED TO  
COTTONWOOD TREE IN BUSI-  
NESS SECTION OF TOWN.

Henry Hoefner, 20 years of age and a native of New York City, was lynched by a mob of outraged citizens of Forsyth last Thursday at 2:20 o'clock in the afternoon. No members of the mob are known to the general public, although it numbered about 150 men.

Hoefner, who was a ranch hand, brutally murdered Mrs. Maud Merrill, wife of a prominent Roosevelt county rancher and stockman, last Monday. He was ransacking the Merrill house when Mrs. Merrill suddenly came in and caught him. Shooting the defenseless woman down, Hoefner went to the barn, secured a saddle horse and made for the hills. The young son of the Merrills appeared on the scene just as Hoefner was riding away and the fiend shot twice at the boy, but both bullets went astray.

The boy gave the alarm and a posse from Forsyth soon had Hoefner in the county jail. At first he admitted that he fired the fatal shots, but claimed it was an accident. Later, he confessed that it was not an accident. The citizens of Roosevelt county were somewhat inflamed over an alleged miscarriage of justice in another murder trial which had just been tried at Forsyth and decided to take no chances this time. Early Thursday morning the mob was quietly formed. A number of them sprang upon the sheriff as he was making his way to the jail and held him so that he was helpless. Similar measures were taken to prevent the interference of the deputy sheriff and jailer.

Then proceeding to the jail, the mob battered down the doors and led the murderer into the open. There he confessed all of the details of his fiendish act. In the most unconcerned manner possible, he walked with them to one of the leading sections of the city, where stood a large cottonwood tree. There a rope was placed about his neck. The young fellow who was about to be sent to eternity retained his nerve and even suggested that they did not have the rope properly arranged.

Another second and he was dangling in the air. A shot was fired which struck him in the head, but the coroner's jury found that death was due to strangulation and brought in a verdict that Hoefner came to his death at the hands of a mob, the members of which are unknown.

### DISPATCH BATTLESHIP.

Administration Takes Steps to Protect American Citizens in Mexico.

Washington, April 20.—President Taft probably will send a warship to the west coast of Mexico to enable the Americans isolated in Sinolola and other states to leave the disturbed districts. A state department announcement tonight declared this action likely in view of the general anxiety for Americans in those localities.

State department officials pointed out tonight that with the suspension of railroad communication and interruption of telegraph service, American citizens of the west coast of Mexico, especially at Los Mochis, in Sinolola, where there are many Americans, as well as in the vicinity of Mazatlan, are isolated. This fact, together with many reports of increased lawlessness on the west coast, is causing much anxiety to Americans in the region affected and to their friends in the United States.

The sending of an American vessel to the coast of Mexico sets a precedent in the present revolutionary disturbances, as heretofore the United States

navy has refrained from cruising in Mexican waters. A British vessel last year, however, landed marines on the western coast of Mexico to enable foreigners to escape a threatened attack by rebels.

The armored cruiser Maryland is at San Diego, Cal., the gunboat Yorktown is enroute north from Guatemala to San Diego, the gunboat Vicksburg is at Panama. It is likely the Maryland will be the vessel selected.

### Lawson Breaks Loose.

Thomas W. Lawson of Boston has been heard from, after a period of rest and silence. The announcement came over the stock wires to Butte yesterday that Lawson wants to bet \$100,000 that Roosevelt will be nominated at the republican convention, and that if nominated he will be elected. The blessed privilege of taking this bet is limited to bankers and brokers, and the two propositions of the bet must be couped, though takers may grab the offer in \$5,000 lots.

Lawson also offers to bet \$100,000 or any portion of it in \$5,000 lots, that Amalgamated copper stock will sell at par, \$100 a share, before the fall election, and that the copper metal will sell at 20 cents a pound in the same time. These offers are also limited to brokers.

### Facts About Cy Young.

He is 45 years old, has been a big league pitcher for 22 years and he always prepares himself for the season. He spends a month at Hot Springs before going to the training camp. He drinks one glass of whiskey a day while training. He works slowly and deliberately each spring until his weight is reduced and he can pitch his fast ball without wrenching his muscles.

### Young's Training Program.

First week—The regular daily baths at Hot Springs.  
Second week—Baths and road work. He dresses in flannels and sweater and does 10 to 15 miles on the road. He tramps, sprints and climbs hills. He does not touch a baseball.  
Third week—He continues baths and road work. He fields and tosses the ball. He handles bunts to reduce his stomach.  
At the end of the third week he pitches his first fall.

### Moses' Choice.

On being asked which manner of death he thought was preferable, being killed in a railroad wreck or drowned, Moses, the colored servant, promptly replied:

"Railroad wreck."  
We asked him why he preferred railroad wreck and he made the following rejoinder:  
"If you is killed on de railroad, dar yo' is, but if you is drowned in de ribber, whar is yo'."

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of a special session of the Board of County Commissioners of Fergus County, Montana, beginning on the first day of April, 1912, and called for the consideration of road matters and of claims against the county, and of a petition for the removal of certain bodies from their burying place in the NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 14, Tp. 17 N., R. 12 E., to the cemetery near Stanford, and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before said meeting.

Board called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., April 1, 1912.

Present: Julius Petersen, chairman; J. M. Parrent and Joseph Gallagher, commissioners; F. R. Cunningham, clerk.

Retail liquor licenses were granted as follows, viz.:  
Sisson Brothers, Hobson; Wm. D. Hagen, Hobson; R. Dominco, Grass

Range; Combs & McCourt, Hilger.  
A petition asking that a retail liquor license be granted to Harry Bork to conduct a saloon at the proposed new town of Stephens, and a protest against the granting of the same, having been received, Saturday, April 13, 1912, at 10 o'clock a. m., was fixed for a hearing on said petition. Saturday, April 13, 1912, at 11 o'clock a. m., was fixed for hearing an appeal from the decision of the county superintendent of schools in the matter of the division of school district No. 59, and at 2 o'clock p. m. for hearing an appeal from the decision of the county superintendent of schools in the matter of the division of school district No. 12.

Board adjourned and met as board of health.  
The report of Health Officer Dr. W. A. Long was read and approved.  
Board of health adjourned. Board of county commissioners reconvened.  
Health Officer Dr. W. A. Long was authorized to attend a meeting of the health officers of the state, to be held at Helena, Montana, on the 6th and 7th days of May, 1912.

Bills were allowed as follows:  
Lewistown Electric & Power Co., light, \$53.95.  
J. L. DeHart, cash advanced, \$17.70.  
B. F. Jewell, posting notices, \$1.00.  
Western Union Telegraph Co., telegrams, \$6.02.

Hilger Loan and Realty Co., insurance premium, \$160.00.  
H. B. Gibson, transcripts, \$100.40.  
Ed. Wright, insurance premium, \$104.00.

Lewistown Electric & Blue Print Co., prints, \$18.26.  
F. R. Cunningham, cash advanced, \$49.82.

Grant Gregory, cash advanced, \$6.10.  
W. R. Woods, cash advanced, \$36.35.  
C. M. Kelly, typewriter ribbons, \$4.00.

L. A. Kenyon, publishing notices of registration, \$13.80.  
Ella Bowman, room and board, \$24.50.

R. W. Blake, posting notices, \$1.00.  
Henry Brink, wood, \$5.50.  
J. L. DeHart, cash advanced, \$27.60.

Ed. Read, road work, \$9.00.  
Pete Martin, road work, \$9.00.  
Dan McLeod, road work, \$22.75.

Fryberger Bros., road work, \$50.00.  
Joe Putz, right of way, \$42.00.  
A. J. Scheibelhut, road plank, \$48.00.

Julius Petersen, cash advanced, \$1.90.  
Lewistown Furniture Co., merchandise, \$45.75.  
W. S. Smith, merchandise, \$16.40.

M. Gurnett, tax refund, \$6.00.  
Mrs. C. Haderil, care county charge, \$20.00.  
Lewistown Electric & Power Co., light, \$6.40.

Mrs. H. S. Learthmonth, rent, \$8.00.  
L. P. Slater, team hire, \$10.50.  
W. W. Wheeler, salary, \$40.00.

Wm. F. Sheehan, salary, \$12.00.  
C. F. Wilder, salary, \$1.50.  
U. P. Read, salary, \$42.00.

Abe Johnson, salary, \$60.00.  
Virginia Pleasant, salary, \$19.00.  
J. B. McKinney, salary, \$1.50.

H. W. Sadler, salary, \$17.50.  
W. A. Lacock, salary, \$93.00.  
J. W. Moore, salary, \$3.00.

Board adjourned to 10 a. m., April 2, 1912.

Board met as per adjournment, April 2, 1912. All members present.

Most of the morning was spent in the consideration of road matters.

The clerk was instructed to notify the city council of the city of Lewistown of the poor condition of the sidewalk and curbing around the court house, and to request that said city council take some action looking to its improvement.

The clerk was instructed to notify Andrew Green of the poor condition of the curbing around the driveway in the court house block, and to ask him to see that it is replaced.

Tony DeWinter was granted an abatement of taxes on personal property for the year 1911 in the sum of \$6.75.

Road viewers were appointed as follows, viz.:  
Frank Powell, Dan McLeod and H. C. Tilzey on a road proposed to run as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Sec. 23, Tp. 16 N., R. 13 E.; thence north one and one-half miles to the southwest corner of the NW 1/4, Sec. 12, Tp. 16 N., R. 13 E.

Frank Powell, Dan McLeod and H. C. Tilzey on a road proposed to run as follows, viz.:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Sec. 12, Tp. 16 N., R. 13 E.; thence due west one mile; thence north three-fourths mile to intersect the now traveled road.

Frank Powell, Dan McLeod and H. C. Tilzey on a road proposed to run as follows, viz.:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 8, Tp. 16 N., R. 14 E.; thence west one mile; thence southerly three-fourths mile to the southeast corner of the SW 1/4, Sec. 7, Tp. 16 N., R. 14 E.; thence west one-half mile to intersect present county road.

In the matter of the petition of the Long Investment Co. for the vacation of a cemetery on the NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 14, Tp. 17 N., R. 12 E., M. M. This matter coming on regularly for hearing this day before the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Fergus County at a duly and regularly called special session thereof, at which all of the members of the said board were present, it being established to the satisfaction of the board that notice of the hearing of the petition of the Long Investment company heretofore filed herein for the removal of the bodies buried on the above described premises, and it being apparent and no objection having been made or filed with the said board, and from the proofs adduced it being apparent to the board that it is for the best interests of the said community and for the protection and preservation of the public health that the bodies be removed from the said burial place on the tract of land described as the NW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 14, Tp. 17 N., R. 12 E., M. M.; Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed that the bodies buried on the above described tract of land be removed therefrom within four months from this date to the

cemetery at Stanford, Montana, or to such other burial place as shall be designated by the relatives or other interested parties.

Bills were allowed as follows:  
W. R. Woods, mileage, \$188.00.  
W. R. Woods, board of prisoners, \$202.75.

W. R. Woods, cash advanced, \$192.05.  
B. H. Foley, justice fees, \$52.50.  
Charles Huffine, witness fees, \$6.50.

John Brown, witness fees, \$6.50.  
John B. Ryan, witness fees, \$1.50.  
Roe Poynter, witness fees, \$1.50.

Frank Wilson, witness fees, \$1.50.  
J. E. Moseley, witness fees, \$1.50.  
Frank Cox, witness fees, \$1.50.

William Z. Jones, witness fees, \$4.90.  
Walter S. Bright, witness fees, \$1.50.  
C. B. Thomas, witness fees, \$1.50.

Gustav E. Haas, witness fees, \$1.50.  
E. S. Chapman, witness fees, \$1.50.  
L. E. Torrison, witness fees, \$1.50.

Harry M. Allen, witness fees, \$1.50.  
Mrs. Harry Redding, witness fees, \$1.50.  
Ray McDonald, witness fees, \$1.50.

C. B. Anderson, witness fees, \$1.50.  
Walter S. Bright, witness fees, \$4.50.  
Gustav E. Haas, witness fees, \$3.00.

W. C. Cox, witness fees, \$3.00.  
C. B. Thomas, witness fees, \$4.50.  
Harry Allen, witness fees, \$3.00.

E. S. Chapman, witness fees, \$1.50.  
D. R. Metzger, witness fees, \$3.00.  
F. A. Brady, witness fees, \$1.50.

Ray McDonald, witness fees, \$4.50.  
C. B. Anderson, witness fees, \$4.50.  
Walter S. Bright, witness fees, \$4.50.

C. B. Thomas, witness fees, \$3.00.  
Harry Allen, witness fees, \$3.00.  
Ray McDonald, witness fees, \$3.00.

Gustav E. Haas, witness fees, \$4.50.  
William Paul, witness fees, \$3.00.  
E. S. Chapman, witness fees, \$3.00.

Walter S. Cox, witness fees, \$3.00.  
Virginia Grant, witness fees, \$4.50.  
Charles Haupt, witness fees, \$1.50.

Chas. Willard, witness fees, \$1.50.  
D. J. Burr, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
C. H. Seeley, juror's fees, \$4.50.

I. M. Hobensack, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
Albert Osweller, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
James M. Smith, juror's fees, \$4.50.

James L. Martin, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
George Phillips, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
Henry Stebert, juror's fees, \$4.50.

J. W. Beck, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
J. E. Plank, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
M. W. Teters, juror's fees, \$4.50.

Otto Phillips, juror's fees, \$4.50.  
Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone service, \$87.70.

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., telephone service, \$91.50.  
Dr. A. Poska, professional services, \$23.00.

Continental Telegraph Co., telegrams, \$29.38.  
Dr. W. A. Long, salary, \$150.00.

Dr. W. A. Long, cash advanced, \$77.00.  
M. Gurnett, cash advanced, \$15.40.

Dave Trepp, publishing registration notices, \$27.00.

Inland Empire, publishing registration notices, \$7.00.

Christie's Restaurant, board for witnesses, \$13.05.

A. McCarty, removing garbage, \$5.00.  
Dan Bean, cash advanced, \$8.00.

City of Lewistown, water rent, \$21.35.  
Sharp Bros., coal, \$196.00.

Montana Hardware Co., merchandise, \$9.80.  
Judith Hardware Co., merchandise, \$4.72.

Alice O'Hara, cash advanced, \$3.80.  
Alice O'Hara, traveling expenses, \$54.10.

Fergus County Hardware Co., merchandise, \$189.90.  
Basin Lumber Co., merchandise, \$156.65.

F. A. Bennett, road work, \$235.50.  
W. O. Hoskins, road work, \$37.50.  
Fergus County Hardware Co., merchandise, \$4.00.

Sharp Bros., coal, \$4.10.  
S. Jones, rent, \$6.00.  
House of Good Shepherd, care of county charge, \$10.00.

J. M. Parrent, merchandise, \$20.45.  
R. C. Ekreat, board and room, \$60.00.

Geo. R. Creel, burial county charge, \$35.00.  
Mrs. R. E. Hamilton, rent, \$3.00.

Bert E. Kane, salary, \$54.00.  
F. M. Griffith, salary, \$11.25.  
Maude O'Hara, salary, \$75.00.

Joseph Gallagher, salary, \$135.50.  
The claim of Dr. J. T. Foley for the care of a small pox patient at the poor farm was disallowed.

Board adjourned sine die.  
Approved,  
JULIUS PETERSEN, Chairman.

Attest:  
F. R. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk.

Minutes of a special session of the Board of County Commissioners of Fergus County, Montana, held on the 13th day of April, 1912, and called for the purpose of hearing two appeals from the decisions of the county superintendent of schools, and for a hearing on the petition of Harry Bork for a retail liquor license, to conduct a saloon at the proposed new town of Stephens, and for the transaction of such other business as might properly come before said meeting.

oBoard called to order at 10 o'clock a. m., April 13, 1912.

Present: Julius Petersen, chairman; J. M. Parrent and Joseph Gallagher, commissioners; and F. R. Cunningham, clerk.

In the matter of a petition of Harry Bork for a retail liquor license, to conduct a saloon at Stephens, Harry Bork and H. P. Gramley appeared in behalf of the petition and F. T. Colver in behalf of the protestants.

After hearing the arguments of both sides, the petition was disallowed by unanimous vote.

In the matter of an appeal from the decision of the county superintendent of schools relative to the division of school district No. 59, the appellants failing to appear, the decision of the county superintendent was sustained.

In the matter of an appeal from the decision of the county superintendent of schools relative to the di-

vision of school district No. 12, Anton D. Strout appeared for the appellants and County Attorney Chas. J. Marshall and Assistant County Attorney Roy E. Ayers for the county superintendent. After hearing the arguments of both sides, the decision of the county superintendent was sustained by a unanimous vote.

Board adjourned sine die.  
Approved,  
JULIUS PETERSEN, Chairman.

Attest:  
F. R. CUNNINGHAM, Clerk.

### Back at Him.

A certain young man who prided himself on a brusqueness that he mistook for wit met an eminent but touchy sculptor at a studio supper. "So you're the chap," he said on being introduced, "that makes mud heads."

"Not all of them," the sculptor replied quietly.—Youth's Companion.

### Both in the Same Boat.

The new Swedish cook, who had come into the household during the holidays, asked of her mistress: "Where bane your son? I not seeing him 'round no more."

"My son," replied the mistress, proudly. "Oh, he has gone back to Yale. I miss him dreadfully, though."

"Yas. I know yooost how you feel. My brother, he bane in yall sailr times seence T'ankgaving."



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